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ABSTRACT

Although the directory to Denver's historic sites has been compiled particularly for the use of teachers and their classes, it will be useful to all individuals and groups of any age who are interested in exploring the history of the Denver area. Seventy historic sites are listed alphabetically. Information for each provides address, phone, price of tour, contact person, hours, and a paragraph-length description. The sites include Arvada Cemetery, Bells of Granite Glen Museum, Buffalo Bill Memorial Museum, Cheesman Park, Colorado Railroad Museum, Daniels and Fisher Tower, Elitch Gardens, Evans Chapel, Eugene Field Cottage, Geology Marker and Museum, Heritage Square, Historic Wax Museum, Molly Brown House, Old Spaghetti Factory, Pillar of Fire, Plains Conservation Center, Richthofen Castle and Fountain, Sakura Square, State Capitol Building, and Wheat Ridge Soddy. The introduction contains several pages of suggestions for teachers planning field trips to these sites. For example, background information should be gathered before going, scavenger hunts or tombstone rubbings can enhance the meaning of a particular site, debriefing sessions establish highlights of things learned, and follow-up activities can include making a time capsule or preparing a museum exhibit of school or community artifacts. (Author/AV)

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Although obviously I cannot be held accountable for such things as changes in hours, prices, or minor details, I alone am responsible for the overall content, completeness, and accuracy of this work.

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INTRODUCTION

Historic Denver for Kids is for kids from age 4 to 104. The information contained in this book has been compiled particularly for the use of teachers and their classes, but it can be used by any group of any age which is interested in bringing the history of the Denver area to life. In school, learning history has traditionally meant simply reading it out of textbooks, but in a city such as Denver we are surrounded by history. There is history in a brick or flagstone pavement, in a thriving irrigated garden, and especially in the many unique buildings of our beautiful city. This book is a guide containing much of the necessary information that one needs to make Denver's past come alive.

USING THIS BOOK

This is a directory to Denver's historic sites. They are listed in alphabetical order. Many of the

places included are familiar to native Denverites-- some may not be. Use the information to pick and choose from, and then visit the sites that interest you and/or your group most. You may want to call before you go in case the hours or prices have changed.

SPECIAL GUIDE FOR TEACHERS

When taking children on a field trip, it is helpful if the children are properly prepared, helped to learn as much as possible at the site, and then debriefed afterwards so that what has been learned can be reinforced by sharing the experience and information with fellow students.

Preparation Tips

One tip is to find out what the students already know about the site. Maybe some of them have been there already. A class discussion can determine how much students already know about a site and possibly whether they have some misinformation.

A tip in getting ready for the trip is to discuss with students why they are going there and what is expected of them while they are there. Below is a list of things you can do in getting ready for a successful field trip.

1. Unless you are fond of surprises, check out the site before you take your group.
2. You might give the students a task:
 - Find one thing you did not expect to see.
 - Pick out one thing you would like to take home with you.
 - Find the thing that interests you most about the site.
 - Find the thing that least interests you about the site.
 - (Make up other tasks of your own.)
3. Tell some interesting facts about the site. Stories might make the site come alive for your group.
4. Small notebooks are handy things to have on a fieldtrip. If funds are not available for

notebooks, staple together some scratch paper.

5. You know your group. Is your excursion planned with their needs and interests in mind? Is it too long? Does it suit their maturity? You might want to change the trip until it fits these criteria.

While You Are There

1. A scavenger hunt is a good way to keep interest up. Using a scavenger hunt does take extra time to go to the site prior to taking the field trip. Make a list of things for the group to find: a certain kind of building, a funny-shaped tree, or a special fence. Or, the list could include different things in a museum's exhibits. The list can be words or pictures. It can be long or short. Make it fit the ages and abilities and interests of your group.
2. It is good to use the field trip for more than one subject area. For example, if you teach fifth grade and they have been studying

the weather, discuss cloud formations and guess the temperature and wind speed. Or, look for evidence of pollution or conservation, or count how many different kinds of birds you see on the way. With younger elementary children, pick out things along the way that begin with a certain letter, or count something.

3. Talk about why the site is located where it is. Why did Molly Brown live in that house? How did gold happen to get into the mouth of the Little Dry Creek? Why is Larimer Square in that part of town? Etc.
4. Let the kids discuss their own experiences and reactions while you are there.
5. Be sure the guide knows what your primary interests and needs are.
6. Always be ready to make on-the-spot adjustments. Spend more time on things that the group is especially interested in; move on when they have seen enough. Watch the kids

for clues about what is interesting to them.

7. Because they contain historical records, information from gravestones, and "keys" to our community's "Roots," cemeteries are good places to find history. Ask students to look for the oldest grave. Copy or make rubbings of interesting epitaphs or designs on tombstones. (Always check with the caretaker of the cemetery first to find out if it is all right to make rubbings.) To make a rubbing you need soft paper such as rice paper (newsprint works too), and a dark-colored jumbo crayon without the paper wrapping. Masking tape can be used to tape the paper to the stone. Hold the paper tightly against the stone and rub the side of the crayon against the paper. Do a small section at a time and rub hard.
- Some things cemetery visitors might uncover in their field trip would be how long people lived in particular generations; which wars,
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epidemics, or natural disasters had an impact upon the mortality of the people in the area; and the ethnic background of the community.

Debriefing Questions

1. What did you see? Describe it to the class.
2. What did you like most?
3. What did you dislike?
4. What was the oldest thing you saw?
5. What was the newest thing you saw?
6. What was most interesting?
7. What made the place you visited "historical?"

Debriefing Strategies

1. Ask each person in the group to choose a partner. Designate one person in each pair "A" and the other, "B." At a signal from the teacher have all the A's tell the B's what they learned on the trip. After a predetermined period of time--30 seconds or one minute or so--have each B tell his/her partner all the things that were left out. This strategy gives each member of the group an

opportunity to talk about the trip.

2. Make a museum. A valuable learning experience for your class would be to make a museum of their own. First they will need to decide what a museum is and what kind they would like to make. One possibility is a museum of their school with exhibits of artifacts gathered from places around the building such as a milk carton from the cafeteria, a sample of the principal's handwriting, or an assortment of textbooks, etc. Another kind of museum might be called "Our Interests." The exhibits would include photos of families or pets or homes, or various hobbies such as a stamp collection. Maybe they could gather together things from their own past--baby shoes or old toys or pictures of where they used to live. The children themselves will probably be able to come up with good ideas. This activity will give the teacher an excellent opportunity to find out how their children perceive

the functions and purposes of museums, and help broaden students' concepts of what museums can do for them and their community.

4. Make a time capsule. Sometimes people gather together some things which show what they are like and bury them in a time capsule. The Richthofen Fountain contains such a time capsule. Sealed under the cornerstone are Montclair town records, a list of the people who made contributions to the fund to build the fountain, a Bible, newspapers, and a photograph of the Richthofens. What do these articles say about the people of Montclair in 1900? Why is each article included? You might make your own time capsule. Divide the class into two groups. Let one group choose some artifacts which are indicative of a certain group of people at a certain time. Bury the articles in a plastic bag or other suitable container. Have the second group dig up the time capsule and try to ascertain

as much as possible about the people who might have buried it.

EVALUATION

It is my intention to continually update and improve the information contained in this book. Accordingly, I have included an Evaluation Sheet at the end of the volume to aid in this process. Please feel free to offer whatever feedback you feel would help improve the book.

Arvada Cemetery

5581 Independence, Arvada, 80002

Established in 1863, this cemetery is the final resting place of the family for whom Wadsworth Boulevard was named and of Hiram Arvada Haskins, the source of the name of the town of Arvada. There are no ethnic or religious sections in this 80-to 100-acre cemetery. All of the cemetery is open to anyone. Making rubbings of markers is permitted.

Arvada Center

6901 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada, 80004

422-8052

Price: Free

Contact: Susan Flowers

Hours: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday; 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Wednesday and Friday; 1:00-5:00 p.m. Sunday

The museum at the Arvada Center shows Arvada's history from the very earliest time. Included is an excellent display of old farm tools and equipment. There are also such interesting exhibits as a hair picture and some antique medical tools. The tour includes a visit to the art gallery and other areas of the Center.

Tours: Guided tours last one hour. There is no age limit and no limit to group size. Make reservations at least one week in advance.

Astor House

822 Twelfth Street, Golden, 80204

278-3557

Price: Free Contact: Lynn Spent, Director

Hours: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Tuesday through
Saturday

The Astor House is the oldest and largest stone hotel in Colorado. It was built by Seth Lake in 1867 when Golden was the territorial capital. On your tour you will learn some history of Golden while you look at a miner's room, a cowboy's room, and a legislator's room in the hotel. The kitchen is furnished with antique equipment. You will get to see what a good hotel was like in early Colorado.

Tours: Arrange for your tour a week or more in advance, or try for one on the "spur of the moment." Group size is limited to 50 people with 15 at a time allowed upstairs. A tour can last from 20 minutes to 1½ hours depending upon the interests of the group.

Bells of Granite Glen Museum

30213 Upper Bear Creek Road
1½ miles west of Evergreen, 80439

674-3422

Price: Varies

Contact: Winston Jones,
Owner and Curator

Hours: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. every day but Monday
from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Sundays
only the rest of the year, except by ar-
rangement for groups of 12 people or more.

More than 3,500 bells make up one of the largest
collections in the world. There is an indoor
museum and bells on display outdoors. Several of
the bells are of historical interest for Colorado
and the world. There are bells from many countries
and bells of many uses. Some date from 1,000 B.C.

Tours: Guided tours last two hours. Minimum age
for tours is 7 years old. The museum is
especially enjoyed by 8, 9, and 10-year-
olds. Regular prices are: \$3 for adults
and \$1 for children under 12. There are
special rates for groups of 12 or more
people: \$1 for adults and \$.50 for child-
ren under 12.

Belmar Museum

797 South Wadsworth Blvd., Lakewood 80226 922-6916

Price: Free Contact: Faye Hubbard, Secretary
Lakewood Historical Society

Hours: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday,
and Saturday

This museum is located in a renovated barn at Lakewood's Belmar Park. The barn once belonged to May Bonfils Stanton. The Lakewood Historical Society is building this museum and welcomes historical donations and the help of volunteers. Presently the museum is used primarily for traveling exhibits which may include a Smithsonian exhibit of old toys.

Tours: Tours will vary, depending upon the display at the time and the availability of volunteers. Make arrangements in advance.

Black American Western Foundation

3607 East 32nd Avenue, Denver, 80205 321-3635
or 355-4416

Price: Free Contact: Paul Stewart, owner

Hours: 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

A tour through this museum makes one very aware that there were Blacks in practically every occupation held by early Coloradans. There were Black attorneys, doctors, ranchers, nurses, and at least one Black operator of a pony express stop. There were Black outlaws and owners of mining companies. Cleo Bird Swanson was a postmistress and Ben Franklin was a scout with Kit Carson. When you take this tour, you will see a bearskin coat, bullwhip, antique flintlock, and other memorabilia of the early West, as well as many photographs including a picture of Abraham Lincoln's private bodyguard. Paul Stewart, owner of this museum, is the author of Westward Soul.

Tours: Tours last 45 minutes to an hour and are appropriate for all ages. Guided tours may be arranged at least three weeks in advance. A donation is requested from groups.

Botanic Gardens

1005 York Street, Denver, 80206

297-2547

Price: Free

Contact: Margaret Sikes

Hours: 9:00 a.m.-4:45 p.m. daily

Denver's Botanic Gardens are located on a very historic site: the old City Cemetery was there. The gardens are surrounded by beautiful old homes as well. Of particular interest historically is the Garrison Frieze which is now part of a brick wall near the west end of the gardens. The frieze was created in the 1920s to be part of the Midland Federal Savings Building. It is known as "The Covered Wagon" or "Pikes Peak or Bust" Frieze. Among other things, the carving shows a covered wagon with oxen, a Mississippi Riverboat, Indians attacking the Wagon Train, and a Cavalry rescue. It was created by Robert Garrison. The Botanic Gardens has a great summer program for children. And, don't forget to look at the beautiful plants and flowers when you're there!

Tours: Tours are available for fourth-graders and older. Make the arrangements as far in advance as possible.

BREDAN CREAMERY, INC.

1123 South Broadway, Denver 80210

This interesting-looking building was built in 1922 and has always been a creamery. Leaded glass windows are contained in its Normandy architecture, and the interior still includes antiques, such as button-type light switches. Much old machinery is stored in the basement but is not set up for display.

Tours: Tours are discouraged because "there's not that much to look at." All churning takes place between 5:00 and 8:00 a.m.-- too early in the morning for tours. Take a look at the unique architecture of this building next time you're passing by on South Broadway.

Buffalo Bill Memorial Museum

Lookout Mountain 277-0488
Route 5, Box 950, Golden, 80204 or 277-0747

Price: Free Contact: Richard LaGuardia,
Curator

Hours: 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday;
9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. weekends and holidays
(Additional hours by arrangement)

Indian artifacts and memorabilia of the Old West and of Wild West Shows make up the exhibits of this museum. There is also a scenic overlook and Buffalo Bill's Grave to see. The museum exhibits many things which belonged to William F. Cody, including costumes, guns, and a saddle. There is even a mounted buffalo which is the main attraction for many younger children, even though the hole in the animal's flank is not really a bullet hole.

Tours: A tour of the museum lasts about 20 minutes. It takes about 45 minutes to see the grave, the overlook, and the museum. Group size is limited to 100. Tours are most appropriate for 3rd graders and older. Make reservations at least one week in advance.

Chamberlin Observatory

2900 East Warren Avenue, Denver, 80210 753-2070

Price: Free

Hours: 8:30-10:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
except when the sky is overcast

It took five years, from 1889 to 1894, to build this observatory for the University of Denver. When you visit it, you will see a slide show, hear lectures on astronomy for the layman, and see views through the 20-inch refracting telescope.

Tours: Make reservations several weeks or more in advance.

Chapel Hill Cemetery

6601 South Colorado Blvd., Littleton, 80121

In 1952 Chapel Hill Cemetery was established on a ridge east of Littleton with a "fabulous view." It was built on farm land, but there are stories of possible Indian or Pioneer remains having been found at the site.

Cheesman Park

10th Avenue and Gilpin Street, Denver

Cheesman is one of the oldest parks in Denver. In 1858 it was a cemetery. Called Mount Prospect, there were over 600 burials by 1866. In the early 1900s the area was purchased by Denver and made into Congress Park, and people were urged to move their loved ones out of the cemetery. The Cheesman Memorial, which cost \$100,000, was erected in 1908 as a monument to Walter Scott Cheesman. The last known bodies were moved from the area in 1950 when some of the land became the Botanic Gardens.

Cherrelyn Horse Car

Girard and Elati Streets, Englewood, 80110

From 1892 until 1910 this unique trolley was used to carry passengers from downtown Englewood about a mile south up the hill to Cherrelyn. The horse pulled the car up the hill and, when they reached the top, the horse was backed onto the rear of the car for the ride back down the hill. Each passenger paid five cents for the trip, and heat came from a pot-bellied stove inside. The horse car was restored by James B. Howell in 1960. The Englewood Public Library nearby has made a good collection of information about Englewood's history.



CHERRY CREEK SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM

Cherry Creek High School Campus 773-1184 Ext. 213
9300 East Union Avenue, Englewood, 80110

Price: Free

Contact: Mrs. Barbara Fritts
Social Studies Dept.

Hours: 12:30-2:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday or
by appointment

Visit an 1870 class in the 100-year-old building
and take part in an old-fashioned spelling bee,
or just enjoy the tour.

Tours: Make reservations a week or more in advance
for a 1 to 1½-hour tour. Tours are adapted
to the age of the group.

Children's Museum

931 Bannock Street, Denver, 80204

255-2061

Price: See below

Contact: Tracy James,
Floor Director

Hours: Public: 2:00-5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Saturday, and noon-5:00 p.m. Sunday. Special groups by reservation: 10:00 a.m.-noon Tuesday through Friday.

"Hands On, touch-and-feel exhibition." This museum is a child's dream. There are so many things to explore. There is not much "history" here but the kids will love it!

Tours: Make arrangements at least three months in advance for your group to spend 45 minutes to one hour. The museum is for children between the ages of 2 and 12. Special arrangements are available for children in Head Start or Title I programs. Orientation materials and information will be sent to teachers at the time that reservations are made. The Children's Museum is free to individuals. School groups pay \$.50 per person. For Denver Public Schools the group price is \$.45 per person.

Colorado Railroad Museum

17155 West 44th Avenue - Route 58 279-4591
(Exit 63 off I-70)
P. O. Box 641, Golden, 80401

Price: Varies Contact: Betty Ann Jones
(See below) or Bob Richardson

Hours: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. every day of the year
except Christmas

The museum building is a replica of an 1880-style railroad depot which houses "rare old papers, photos, and artifacts displayed so as to give the viewer an accurate insight into the interesting histories of the various roads." There is also a display of HO model trains. Outside on 12 acres are "old time locomotives and cars that once operated on the state's famous narrow gauge railroads back in the '80s and '90s." You can enter many of the old train cars and locomotives, and there is even a bell for the kids to ring. This museum is well worth the price of admission.

Tours: At this time, all tours are self-guided. Tours take 45 minutes to an hour, but more time could be well-spent. Regular prices are: \$1.25 for people aged 16 and over and \$.50 for under 16. The price for a family including two parents and their children is \$2.95. Group rates are \$.50 per child with teachers admitted free.

Colorado State Museum

200 East 14th Avenue, Denver, 80202 892-2069

Price: Free Contact: Mrs. Doris Chavez

Hours: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. weekdays, 10:00 a.m.-
5:00 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, and holidays

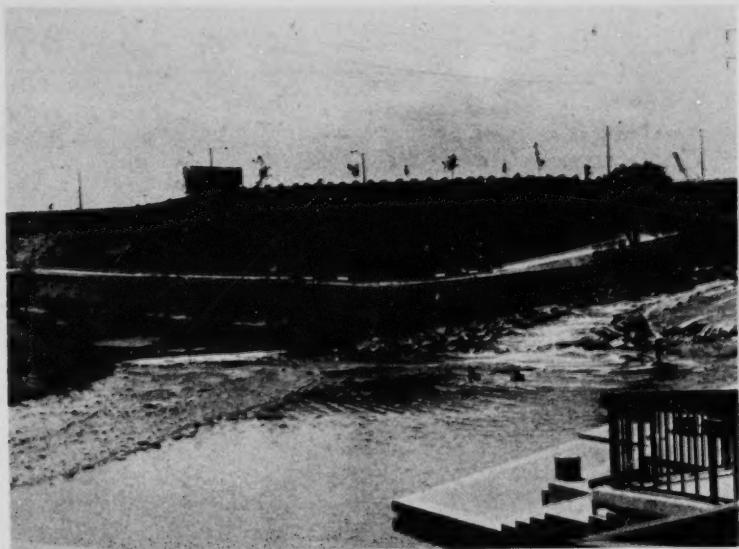
This museum contains dioramas and exhibits on all phases of Colorado history. There is an excellent program for schools which includes six one-hour lessons on Colorado history. There are films and kits available which include historic minority grandmothers' trunks that can be borrowed. Also available are case histories of plains Indians, trappers, and miners. Although plans are incomplete as of May 1977, there will be an expanded program for the 1977-78 school year. The present location will be open throughout the summer and the museum will reopen in September 1977 at Broadway and Lincoln. Catalogs will be sent to all metro-area schools in August or September 1977.

Tours: Guided tours are available only on a pre-arranged basis.

Confluence of Platte and Cherry Creek

Over the 15th Street Viaduct and left at Platte Street (Near the Forney Transportation Museum)

At this site of the birthplace of Denver is a beautiful new Platte River Park where you can stroll, bicycle, take a ride in your kayak, or enjoy a picnic. It is a good place to talk about earliest Denver.



Cushing Park

Dartmouth and Galapago, Englewood, 80110

A monument has been erected in this park, formerly called Dartmouth Park, commemorating the site of the first important gold strike in Colorado. In 1858 William Green Russell and some others discovered gold where Little Dry Creek enters the South Platte River. They named the site Placer Camp and that was the first name given to an area which was to become part of Englewood. In addition to the monument, Cushing Park has a terrific playground, a pond with ducks, and a fountain. It is a great place for a picnic.

Daniels and Fisher Tower

16th and Arapahoe Streets, Denver

When you visit Larimer Square or the Old Spaghetti Factory, be sure to take a good look at this old Denver landmark. The 23-story tower was built in 1911 in the style of the Campanile of St. Mark's Square in Venice. At the time it was built, it was the third tallest tower in the United States. The bell in the tower, weighing 5,500 pounds, has not been rung since 1959.

Denver Art Museum

100 West 14th Ave. Pkwy., Denver, 80204 297-2295
or 297-2265

Price: Free Contact: Irene Makamura or
Carol Jo Bushman,
Education Coordinator

Hours: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday,
1:00-5:00 p.m. Sunday, 9:00 a.m.-
9:00 p.m. Wednesday. Closed on Monday.

History can be studied through art at the Denver Art Museum's unique collections of American Indian and Latin-American textiles and art. The museum also contains many other exhibits from many ages and parts of the world. There are six floors of exhibits.

Tours: Make arrangements at least three weeks in advance. Tours last one hour and are available only to third graders and older students. There is a "Birds and Bees" tour available to first and second graders of the Denver Public Schools only. Tours for the school year begin in October. Group size is limited to 30 students for some galleries and 60 in some others. A guide is sent to teachers to use in getting ready for the tour. It may be possible to borrow slides from the Art Museum in late 1977. Tours are available in French or Spanish.

Denver Mint

Colfax and Cherokee, Denver, 80204

837-4465

Price: Free

Contact: Security Officer

Hours: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday

See the production of coins from start to finish in this beautiful, historic building. You will be given a fact sheet which contains a brief history of the mint as well as some interesting facts about the mint and its product. You will see their sales room, a display of many different kinds of metals, and some gold bullion in storage. The guide will answer questions about the history of the mint.

Tours: Tours lasting 20 minutes begin every 15 minutes for individuals and groups of less than 25. For a group of more than 25, reservations are necessary.

DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

City Park, Denver, 80205

297-3617

Price: See below Contact: Kristy Ledgerwood

Hours: 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday,
Noon-4:30 p.m. Sunday and holidays

Displays about native Americans, dinosaur bones, displays of Colorado minerals, mounted animals from all over the world, and many other exhibits are part of the Denver Museum of Natural History. This museum has been Colorado's number-one tourist attraction. Gates Planetarium is within the museum.

Tours: Arrangements should be made as far in advance as possible. It is best to take your tour between early September and the end of March. If your tour must be in the Spring, make the arrangements early in the school year. There are at least 15 different tours to choose from in the areas of anthropology and life science. Tours last from 45 minutes to one hour and can be arranged for groups from preschool to adults. An information packet is sent to teachers three weeks in advance of the tour. There are kits available for loan from the museum which contain artifacts and specimens for use in the classroom. Call Dorothy Hodgkins for information. Saturday or after-hours tours cost \$15 per group.

The Denver Post

650 Fifteenth Street, Denver, 80202 297-1437

Price: Free Contact: Tom Barry, Tour Guide

Hours: Noon-3:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday

Take a tour of a big newspaper. "You will see the paper from start to finish" including the noisy press rooms and the clacking teletype machines. The Denver Post was founded in 1895. A souvenir paper will be given to tour-takers, which includes stories from some of the earliest editions.

Tours: Reservations are necessary for groups. There is a limit of 25 people per hour for tours and the minimum age is 8 years old. Tours begin on the hour. Call to make arrangements Monday through Friday only.

Denver Walking Tours

Capitol Hill

320-5375 or 744-9846

Price: See below

Contact: Patty Jobe or
Vicky Rottman

Hours: 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. daily

Regularly there are two different walking tours: one on Capitol Hill south of the capitol building and the other on what is called Swallow Hill in the area of Mammoth Gardens. You can take the regular tours or a special tour can be arranged according to the needs of your group. Tours include discussion of architecture in early Denver and a great deal of Denver and Colorado history. You will see the "haunted" Croke-Patterson-Campbell Mansion, tour the Grant-Humphrey Mansion, and hear about how the Capitol Hill Area was purchased for \$2.50 an acre by Henry Brown and called Brown's Bluff.

Tours: Regular prices are \$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children. However, a one-hour tour can be arranged for \$.75 per person for high school age or younger. Tours can be planned to suit your group. The tours are best for secondary students. Make arrangements one week in advance, but several weeks are needed during summer.

Elitch Gardens

4620 West 38th Avenue, Denver, 80212 455-4771

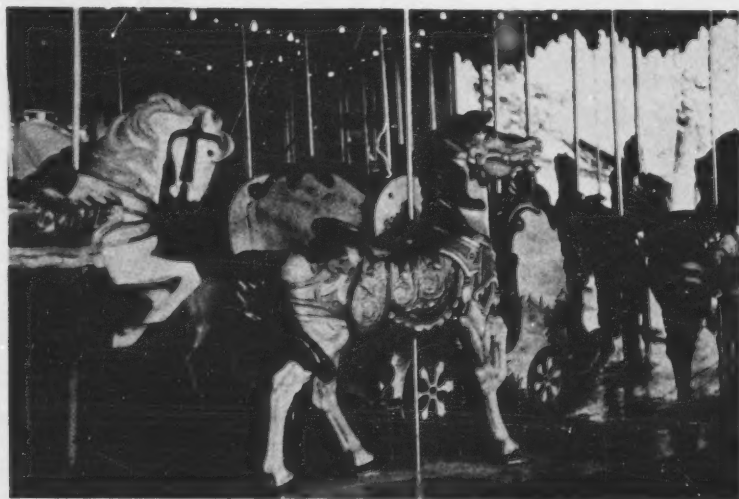
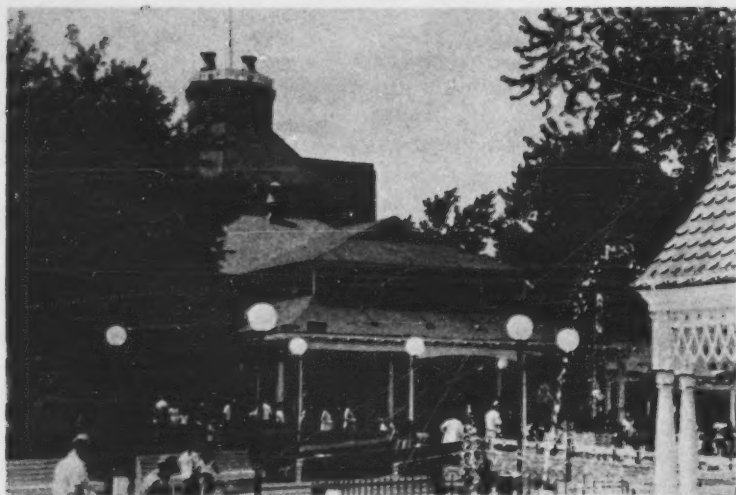
Price: Varies according to amusement

Contact: Guest Relations Department

Hours: 11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. daily during Summer

Elitch's began in 1888 as a zoological and flower garden in an old apple orchard. By 1890 the Trocadero Ballroom and a 1,500-seat theater had been added. The "Troc" is gone now but the theater remains as "America's Oldest Summer Theatre." Stars who have played there have included Sarah Bernhardt, Grace Kelly, and a host of others, many of whose pictures are on display in the entrance to the theater. The carousel is a fine one with hand carved and recently repainted horses. Plan a picnic when you make your historic tour and enjoy the beautiful gardens and the fun rides.

Tours: Tours are not available but there are special rates for groups, which include discounted prices for rides. Picnic pavilions can be reserved with or without food services. There are no special rates for anyone at the theater. Make reservations as far in advance as possible.



Emmanuel Church

10th and Lawrence Streets, Denver, 80204

Built before 1876, Emmanuel Church is the only Denver church which was standing in both 1876 and 1976, at the times of Colorado's statehood and Centennial. It began as an Episcopal church and was later purchased by a Jewish congregation. The beautiful stone-block building is now part of Auraria, used as an art gallery. Be sure to see it when you go to Auraria for a visit to the Ninth Street Historic Park.

Englewood Railroad Depot

Hampton and Kalamath, Englewood, 80110

Price: Free

Hours: 6:00 a.m.-Noon and 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday

Built in the early 1920s, this picturesque, little stucco building can be easily missed because it is surrounded by large warehouses. It sits near the northbound track of the Santa Fe line where the last passenger trains passed during 1966 or 1967. As many as 12 freight trains pass daily.

Tours: Just go in and look around. No arrangements need be made. Donald Meek, Freight Agent, will answer your questions.

Evans Chapel

University of Denver Campus 753-2143
2199 S. University Blvd., Denver, 80208

This beautiful stone chapel was built by John Evans in memory of his daughter Josephine. It was completed in 1878 and deeded to the Methodist Church. In 1958 the University of Denver made the site into a parking lot. The chapel was moved to its present location on the DU campus, stone by stone, foundation included. While you're on campus, look at some of the other old buildings.

Tours: Historic tours are not available but you can obtain a map of the campus on which the buildings are marked. The maps are available in the office of Mr. Bud Mayer, Director of Public Relations, 2120 S. Josephine. His phone number is listed above. Or you may get a map at the office of Student Life, 2050 East Evans, Second Floor. The Chapel is open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. weekdays and is open for church services on Sundays.

Fairmount Cemetery

East Alameda and South Quebec, Denver, 80231

Founded in 1891, this cemetery is probably the final resting place of more famous people than any other Denver-area cemetery. Among the people buried there are Frederick G. Bonfils, Dr. Florence Sabin, David H. Moffat, Henry C. Brown, William N. Byers, John M. Chivington, and John Wesley Iliff. There is a monument to John Wesley Iliff which was moved from the Riverside Cemetery to Fairmount. Fairmount was planned as a park with the Highline Canal as a water source. In the 1890s Fairmount had its own train to carry passengers to the cemetery which was then out in the "country." The beautiful Gate Lodge with its eight rooms served as the superintendent's home and office.

Eugene Field Cottage

715 S. Franklin
P. O. Box 9190, Denver, 80209

722-6262

Price: Free Contact: Mrs. Leonard Aitken
777-7571

Hours: 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Thursday only.

Eugene Field, editor of the Denver Tribune, lived in this house when it was located at 307 West Colfax. He is best remembered as the author of such children's poems as "The Duel," "Little Boy Blue," and "Wynken, Blynken, and Nod." The house is beautifully furnished. Of special interest are the pictures and library. While you're in Washington Park, visit the Wynken, Blynken, and Nod Statue.

Tours: Tours are only available through The Park People, whose mailing address and phone number are listed above. They are most easily contacted by mail.

Forney Transportation Museum

1416 Platte, Denver, 80202

433-3643

Price: Varies, see below

Hours: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday
and 11:00 a.m. thru 6:00 p.m. Sundays

One of Denver's historical landmarks houses this large collection near the confluence of the Platte River and Cherry Creek. You will see more than 300 units, including coaches, cars, carriages, airplanes, trains, and cycles. There are many rare and interesting items, such as the 1912 Vauxhall limousine which was Teddy Roosevelt's Parade Car and Prince Aly Khan's Rolls Royce. You will even be able to see the world's largest steam locomotive. This museum is well worth the price.

Tours: All tours are self-guided. Exhibits are well marked. The average length of a tour is from 1 to 1½ hours. There is no limit to group size. Regular prices are \$2 for adults, \$.30 for grade school children, and \$.50 for children in grades 7 to 12. Groups of more than 15 get a 30% discount, which makes the prices \$1 for adults, \$.21 for elementary school children and \$.35 for secondary students. Tours should be arranged at least three or four days in advance.

Fort Logan National Cemetery

3698 South Sheridan Blvd., Denver, 80235

Fort Logan Post was established in 1887. In 1889 the daughter of Sargeant Peterkin was the first person to be buried in the Fort Logan Cemetery. In November of 1950 Fort Logan was made a national cemetery, operating under the Department of the Army. Then, in 1973 it was taken over by the Veterans' Administration. People buried at Fort Logan include two Medal of Honor winners, at least one veteran of the Civil War, and a German prisoner-of-war. (There had been a prisoner-of-war camp near Fort Logan.) Making rubbings of the grave markers is prohibited.

Four Mile House

715 South Forest Street, Denver, 80222

Price: Free

Hours: To be determined

The oldest house still standing in its original location in Denver gets its name from the four-mile distance from the intersection of Colfax and Broadway. It was built as a farmhouse in 1859 by Samuel Brantner and served as a stagecoach stop until 1870 when the railroad came to Denver. It was also used as a stop by the Pony Express. The house, which has been added on to in past years is in the process of being restored by Denver's Parks and Recreation Department. The Park People will do the interior restoration and make the site into a working 19th Century farm. Although plans and sources of funding are indefinite, the Four Mile House may be ready for tours within the next one to three years. There will eventually be a park surrounding the house. Don't miss this most interesting historic site.

Geological Marker

Junction of U.S. 40 and Interstate 70 West of
Denver

This remarkable roadside stop is located where many layers of rock were sliced through in order to build the Interstate 70 highway. You can walk through 20 million years of the earth's past. The layers were laid down over very long periods of time, one at a time. Then during some long-ago age, they were tilted by pressures from within the earth to be exposed by the Colorado Highway Department's bulldozers. Each layer is well marked. A tour here is like a time machine trip through the earth's past.

Geology Museum

Colorado School of Mines
1500 Illinois, Golden, 80401

279-0300

Price: Free

Hours: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Weekdays
and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Sundays

Areas of interest at this museum include Colorado history, mining, geology, and paleontology. Of special interest historically are collections from 1880s' geologists. There are also exhibits of ores and tools that date back to the 1700s.

Tours: Free tours are available for groups of fewer than 40 people. Special arrangements can be made for larger groups. Reservations need to be made at least one week in advance. Tours last from 1 to 1½ hours and are appropriate for children in first grade and above. Books about Colorado geology and the mining communities, and perhaps a discussion of geological processes, might be helpful in preparing for a trip to the Geology Museum.

Golden Hill Cemetery

12000 West Colfax Avenue, Golden, 80401

This orthodox Jewish cemetery was established in 1908. Most of the people have been buried in plain pine boxes. There are approximately 3,000 graves, including one of a famous poet.

Governor's Mansion

400 East 8th Avenue, Denver, 80203 759-9320

Price: Free Contact: Jeannette Ris

Hours: 1:00 p.m. thru 3:00 p.m. Tuesdays;
5:00 p.m. thru 7:00 p.m. last Tuesday only
of June, July, and August

In 1960 the Cheesman-Boettcher Mansion became the home of Colorado's governor. The home was built in 1908 by the Walter Cheesman family. Cheesman died before construction was completed. His daughter lived in the mansion with her husband, John Evans, until 1926 when the mansion was purchased by Claude K. Boettcher. The Boettchers furnished the house with beautiful antiques.

Tours: Reservations are required for groups of 10 or more. Tours last approximately 20 minutes. Babysitting is available during the summer evening tours.

Grant-Humphreys Mansion

8th and Pennsylvania, Denver, 80203 892-3508

Price: Free Contact: Pat Tomberlin, Curator

Hours: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

This impressive mansion is one of few in the Capitol Hill area of Denver with large grounds. Built in 1901, this mansion was equipped with electricity and had a complete intercom system. The mansion was willed to the Colorado Historic Society. They're in the process of making the first floor a museum. The upper floors are offices, and the basement contains a ballroom complete with stage and dressing rooms.

Tours: Make arrangements at least a week in advance for groups of 15 or more. The tour lasts about 20 minutes and is probably more interesting to upper-grade school children and older.



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Heritage Square

South of Golden on Highway 40
1 mile west of 6 & 40 junction

279-2517

Price: Free admission

Contact: Dorothy Akal
279-4990

Hours: 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. daily

Heritage Square is built on the site of a mining Supply Camp called Apex. Apex was located on one of three roads to the mining camps. It suffered several bad fires and disappeared. Built in the style of an 1880s town, Heritage Square is a combination of shopping village and amusement park. There are craft and gift shops, a restaurant, a melodrama theater, and rides which include a narrow gauge train that travels about 1½ miles around the Square. There is a huge slide; bumper cars; a dinosaur park; museum with fossils, artifacts, reconstructed dinosaurs, fluorescent rocks, a guided talk; paddle boats; and a pony ride.

Tours: Special rates are available to groups at most of the rides. The train ride is available to school groups at 10:00 a.m. at a special rate. Contact Ed Gerlits (232-9262) for information. For arrangements and information about the Dinosaur Park, call 278-0373. No advance arrangements are necessary for visiting Heritage Square.

Historic Wax Museum

919 Bannock, Denver, 80204

255-7941

Price: Varies, see
below

Contact: Marion Emme,
Group Director

Hours: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. daily

This museum features life-size wax figures right out of history. The exhibits include such famous figures as Mark Twain, Columbus, Augusta and Baby Doe Tabor, W. C. Fields, and General Custer. You can even get a good look at Alferd E. Packer's famous feast. There is a new Western setting that shows one of Colorado's early cattle barons. While you're in the area, visit the Children's Museum next door.

Tours: Tours are self-guided and last from 45 minutes to one hour. Special rates are available to groups of 10 or more people. Call for more information about prices. Tours should be arranged at least two or three days in advance.

Hiwan Homestead

Hiwan Village, Evergreen, 80439

674-6262

Price: Free Contact: Connie Fahnestock, Dir.

Hours: Noon-4:00 p.m. daily except Monday

The homestead, built in 1886 was one of the first houses built in Evergreen. It was the home of the founder of the Denver Art Museum. The 18-room log house with its Gothic Towers contains an Indian collection and a turn-of-the-century bedroom. There is also a one-room school house. Exhibits in the house are changed periodically. Hiwan Homestead hosts a special program for fourth graders and junior high students from Jefferson County. For information, contact Marilee Bradbury, 234-7000 ext. 338 or 339.

Tours: Make reservations at least one week in advance for groups of ten or more. Morning school tours can be scheduled.

Johnson Park

West 49th and Wadsworth Blvd., Wheat Ridge, 80033

A bicycle trail begins at Johnson Park, which is the site of an old log cabin. The park has a nice playground and is a good spot for a picnic. The log portions of the cabin were built as a homestead house in about 1863 near 44th and Teller Street. The cabin was moved from the other side of Clear Creek to the park in about 1926. The inside of the cabin is not open to the public, but the outside is interesting to see.

Lakeside Amusement Park

4601 Sheridan Blvd., Denver, 80212 477-1621

Price: Varies Contact: Carol Hollingsworth,
Picnic Coordinator

Hours: Noon to Midnight, Weekends; 6:00 p.m.-
Midnight, Week nights; Kiddieland is open
also on weekdays, 1:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
(Summer only)

Lakeside was built on the shore of Lake Rhoda to compete with Elitch's. It opened in 1908, and was called "White City." The train, which still travels $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles around the lake, is from the 1904 St. Louis World Fair. Famous band leaders, whose bands played in Lakeside's Moonlight Gardens, often stayed in apartments located in the tower, which originally held two dining rooms and an outdoor dancing area. The Moonlight Gardens were torn down in 1974, but the big white building called the Casino Building once was Denver Society's favorite spot to gamble. The large building was also a theater. It is still there. As you walk through the Park, try to imagine how it might have looked around 1915.

Tours: There are no formal historical tours available but you can make your own. There are special group rates for rides or birthday parties, and if your group is large enough you can rent the whole park. Rates vary according to the size of group, and food service is available.

Lakewood Stone House

Estes and Bear Creek, Lakewood, 80227 234-8790

Price: (Free to look at the outside)

This unique stone house, built in 1872 by the Hodgeson family, was located on an extension of the Smoky Hill Trail through Denver on the way to Leadville. The 18-inch-thick walls are made of round river stones. The outside has recently been restored by the city of Lakewood to look much as it did one-hundred years ago. The interior has been renovated and modernized. There are several rooms inside, the largest of which seats about 30 people. The rooms can be rented for meetings or receptions. For more information, call Betty Hogue of the Lakewood Parks and Recreation Department at the number listed above.

Tours: Take your own tour of this interesting site. If you use your imagination, maybe you will see a stage coach pulling up. Where did it come from and what kinds of people might be riding on it? Where do you suppose the people are going? Bear Creek and the surrounding area supply a good opportunity for some environmental studies. Be sure to take a look at Molly Brown's Summer House as you go by. It is on the corner of Yale and Wadsworth.

Larimer Square

Larimer Street between 14th and 15th, Denver, 80202

Historic Denver can hardly be seen without a visit to Larimer Square. Once the domain of derelicts and one of the most rundown sections of the city, these refurbished buildings now house a number of interesting shops and restaurants. With Larimer Square came a new lease on life for a once deteriorating downtown area. While you are there, be sure to look at the bell at the corner of Larimer and 14th Streets. It is the only thing left of Denver's city hall, which was built in that location in 1883 and torn down in 1936. You might also like to walk over to the Brooks Towers at 1020 Fifteenth Street, where you will find in the entrance a huge statue of a Colorado Miner. The 12-foot tall statue once stood atop the Colorado Mining Stock Exchange Building, one of the many buildings in that section of Denver which have been razed to "make way for progress." Larimer Street was Denver's first main thoroughfare, named after General William Larimer who named Denver.

Littleton Cemetery

6155 South Prince, Littleton, 80120

The first person buried here was someone named Lily who died in November 1864. The site did not become a cemetery until 1869 when it was established as the Littleton Masonic Cemetery. In 1874 the cemetery became the Littleton Memorial Cemetery, and during the 1940s it became the Littleton Cemetery Association. The most infamous person buried here is probably Alferd (or is it Alfred?) E. Packer, alleged devourer of a majority of the Democrats of Hinsdale County, who died in 1907 of a stomach and liver ailment. Many of the people after whom Littleton and its streets were named are buried in the Littleton Cemetery. Some names include R. S. Little, founder of Littleton; Bowles; Crocker; Spottswood; and the first Arapahoe County Sheriff, Montgomery. Most of the ground for the cemetery was donated by Judge Bowles.

Littleton Historical Museum

6028 South Gallup, Littleton, 80120 798-2557

Price: Free

Hours: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday;
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Saturday; 1:00 p.m.-
5:00 p.m. Sunday. Closed on holidays.

The several buildings of this interesting museum include the main exhibition building, a blacksmith shop, farm house, barn, and a restored original log school house from Arapahoe County dating back to 1865. Some of the farm buildings are homes for live horses, pigs, and fowl. If you are lucky, you will see a blacksmithing demonstration. One of the two galleries in the main building shows the history of farming in Littleton. The other gallery changes from time to time. A reference library is available to teachers. Littleton Museum is located in Kettring Park where you can fish, picnic, and view hundreds of water fowl.

Tours: For a fall tour, two weeks in advance is sufficient notice, but in the spring you will have to make reservations a month or more in advance. Since the Museum is funded by the city of Littleton, Littleton schools are given priority. Tours for kindergartners and first graders last about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour; for older grades tours last 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. The size of the group may never exceed 90.

Mammoth Gardens

1510 Clarkson, Denver
P. O. Box 18237, Denver, 80218

832-8321

Price: Free

Contact: Patty Jobe or
Marianne Krenzien

Hours: 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. daily

If you grew up in Denver during the '50s you may have gone roller skating at Mammoth Gardens. This unique old building has served many functions during its history. It began in 1907 as a roller skating rink, but over the years it was also a place for the manufacture of electric cars and trucks, an ice hockey rink, a gambling parlor, and a sports arena. It was closed during the early 1970s. Now it has re-opened as the Mammoth Gardens Mercado, a flea market of sorts. The one-time roller skating floor is now covered with an interesting variety of small shops, including several which sell a tantalizing variety of foods. You can see craftsmen at work in several of the shops. The towers of Mammoth Gardens are being renovated so that, eventually, they will be made part of the tour.

Tours: It is possible to set up a tour of Mammoth Gardens alone. It is also a scheduled stop of Denver Walking Tours. Regular prices for the walking tour are \$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Special one-hour tours are available to school groups at the cost of \$1 per student. This tour is mainly architectural and is recommended only for high-school age and older groups. A separate tour of Mammoth Gardens is free and lasts about 30 minutes.

Manor House and Museum

Ken Caryl Ranch, South of Morrison, 697-4630

Price: Free

Contact: Arlys Smith

Hours: By reservation only

This beautiful old Southern-style house was built in 1914. It is the original home of the owner of the Ken Caryl Ranch and is now owned by Johns-Mansville. There are some antiques included in the house, which is furnished in a World War I style.

Tours: Third graders and older will enjoy this tour which lasts 45 minutes or less. Tour guide, Peggy Lockard (794-5973), will adjust the tour to suit your group. Tours must be arranged in advance.

Molly Brown House

1340 Pennsylvania, Denver, 80203

832-1421
or 832-4092

Price: See below

Hours: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Noon-4:00 p.m. Sunday

This beautiful, old stone mansion which is guarded at the entrance by stone lions was once the dwelling of that heroine of the Titanic, Molly Brown. Stand in the very rooms where the real Molly once stood and hear a costumed guide tell about her eccentric life. The carriage house in the rear, where the tours begin, holds a gift shop and an exhibit of photos which tell part of the history of this Denver landmark.

Tours: The maximum number for a tour is 60. Groups of 15 begin the tour at 15-minute intervals. The tour lasts 45 minutes. Reservations are necessary for groups larger than 10. Make arrangements at least two weeks in advance, further in advance for spring tours. Denver Public School children may take the tour for free on Mondays only. Other prices are: Adults: \$1, Children under 12: \$.50.

Molly Brown's Summer House

Wadsworth and Yale, Denver, 80227

Molly Brown held many parties in her Summer House in the late 1890s. Called Avoca Lodge, the house was built in 1897 and contains a fireplace identical to one in the Molly Brown House on Pennsylvania except for its color. The name of J. J. Brown is on the cornerstone. Now the house is within the Denver city limits, but when it was used by Molly Brown it was part of Morrison. The guests spent many hours getting there from Denver. Sometimes the guests rode there on a narrow gauge train which went to Morrison.

Tours: None. Present owners do not appreciate curious visitors, but do drive by and take a look from afar. There are rumors of the old house being up for sale, and it is also possible that it will be torn down in the near future.

Morrison Cemetery

Red Rocks Park

This cemetery is probably located in the most beautiful spot of any of the cemeteries in the area. There is a beautiful view of Red Rocks, and to the southeast you can get a glimpse of one of the Soda Lakes. There are just over 200 graves here--many are not marked because their old wooden markers have deteriorated. The earliest burial was in 1866. Unfortunately, vandals have taken their toll in this cemetery.

Mount Olivet Cemetery

12801 West 44th Avenue, Golden, 80401

Mount Olivet Cemetery was founded July 5, 1892. This Catholic cemetery, owned by the Archdiocese of Denver, is the final resting place of such notables as Horace W. Tabor and his second wife, Elizabeth, known as Baby Doe; Bozo the Clown; Lady Moon; Paco Sanchez; and former Colorado Governor, William Gilpin. There are no specific ethnic sections in this cemetery.

Ninth Street Historic Park

Auraria Higher Education Center, Denver, 80204

Take a walk through the oldest residential block in Denver, which is still intact. These beautiful old houses are located in the Auraria Higher Education Center. Five or six of the buildings were built before 1876 when Colorado was still a territory. The houses have been beautifully restored by Historic Denver, Inc. The interiors were modernized to be used as offices. While you are in the neighborhood, look at the Tivoli Brewery building and Emmanuel Church.

Old Spaghetti Factory

1215 Eighteenth Street, Denver, 80202 534-0537

Price: Free

Contact: manager

Hours: Noon to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday

This building once served as the power plant for Denver's cable cars. You can still see one of the old original cars, #54, in the building. The unique restaurant is furnished with antiques. You can even eat dinner in a bed (at least between the foot and head boards) and the bar is almost 100 years old. The building was built in 1889.

Tours: Almost any size group can take a tour. Make arrangements one week or more in advance. Tours last $\frac{1}{2}$ hour or more depending upon the interests of the group. Tours are for 2nd graders or older.

Pillar of Fire

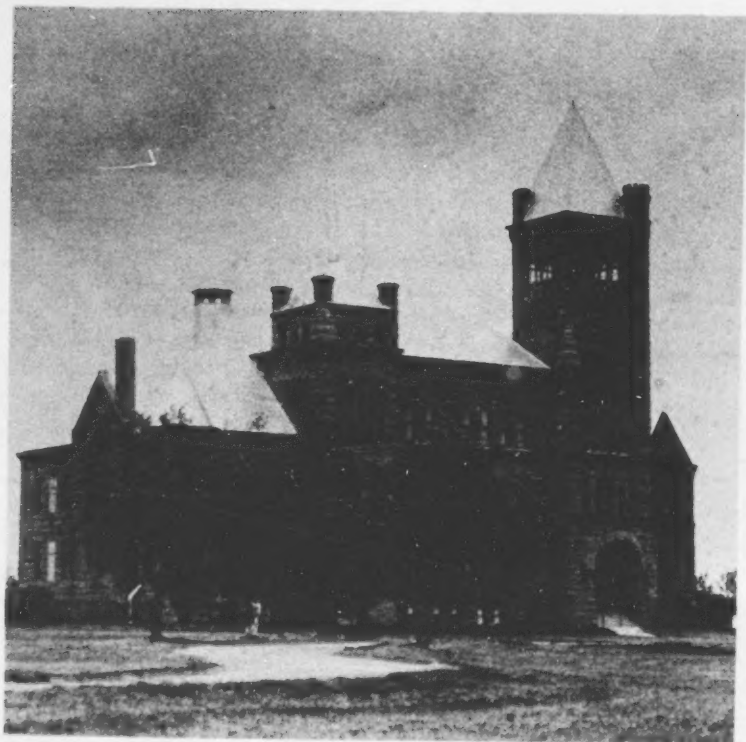
3455 W. 83rd Ave., Westminster, 80030 427-5462

Price: Free Contact: Rev. Robert B. Dallenbach

Hours: By arrangement

At the top of Crown Point, the highest hill in the Denver area not counting the foothills, is the impressive building called Pillar of Fire. It began as a Presbyterian University, built near the community of Harris Park between 1892 and 1908. The town of Westminster was named after Westminster University which was the first occupant of the building. Westminster University was built to be the "Princeton of the West." Now a private school called Belleview, the castle-like building houses the oldest radio station in Colorado.

Tours: Make arrangements for a tour at least three days ahead of time. Tours last from 45 minutes to an hour and can be arranged for groups of not more than 40 or 50 people.



Pillar of Fire

Pioneer Fountain

Colfax and Broadway, Denver

Price: Free

This beautiful fountain was erected to commemorate the pioneers who traveled on the Smoky Hill Trail, which had its end point at Colfax and Broadway. The trail extended from the Missouri River to Denver and was used by Wells Fargo Express and Butterfield's overland dispatch, as well as by many pioneers. A visit to this fountain could be included with a visit to any of the several interesting places in the area; the Denver Public Library, Civic Center, the Denver Art Museum, the State Capitol Building, the mint, or the Rocky Mountain News. (Don't try to see all of those places in one day, though!)

Pioneer Museum

911 Tenth Street, Golden, 80401 279-3331
(Located in Golden's City Hall Bldg.)

Price: Free

Hours: 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

Sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, everything in this museum has been donated. You will see antique farm implements, old books, Indian artifacts, clothes, shoes, and pictures from the "olden days." In fact, there is a very wide range of artifacts and exhibits at this museum. Everything is labeled. It's a fun place to browse.

Tours: All tours are self-guided. Groups generally spend from 30 to 45 minutes, although much more time could be spent. No prior arrangements need be made.

Plains Conservation Center

East Hampden Avenue,
Five miles east of Parker Road

771-1166

Price: \$1 per person

Contact: Evan Obrecht

Hours: By appointment, Monday through Saturday

There is much to see on the two-thousand acres of sod land that make up the Plains Conservation Center. There is a prairie dog town and you will probably see other wildlife, including deer and antelope. You will also visit a sod house and school, and travel through a fossil bed.

Tours: Since there is much to see, the tours last from 2 to 2½ hours. The Center is appropriate for any age and reservations are essential for all. For every 15 children in a group, one adult is admitted free. Make your arrangements at least two weeks in advance.

Richthofen Castle

7020 East 12th Avenue, Denver, 80220

Richthofen built his castle at a time when the area was about two miles beyond Denver's City limits. The large Prussian castle was begun in 1883 and completed in 1887 in the area known as Montclair. You can see the Richthofen coat of arms on the side of the central tower of the castle. The home was remodeled in 1910 by Edwin B. Hendrie of Hendrie and Bolthoff Manufacturing Co. Children will love to talk about what it would be like to live in a castle. While you're in the neighborhood, visit the Richthofen Fountain. Dry now, it was built in 1900 to provide water for horses, travelers, and bicyclists who were thirsty after a four-mile trip from downtown Denver. Under the cornerstone are sealed Montclair town records, a list of contributors to the fountain fund, a Bible, newspapers, and a photograph of the Richthofens. In 1934, in accordance with her will, the ashes of Baroness Louise von Richthofen were placed in a special niche of the fountain. Be prepared for questions about death and ashes if you take young children there. Visiting inside the grounds or castle is not permitted.

Riverside Cemetery

East 52nd and Race Streets,
Denver, 80216

399-0692

Denver's pioneer cemetery was founded in 1876. It was considered the area's first modern cemetery. A major advantage was its location next to the Platte River. A park-like cemetery is impossible in the Denver area without a good water supply. The cemetery began with many rules, such as not driving carriages across the cemetery lots. A major problem in the early days was the nearness of the Burlington Railroad tracks, which had to be crossed in order to enter the cemetery. The trains detracted from the peacefulness of the cemetery. Some of Riverside's occupants were once buried in the City Cemetery (once called Mount Prospect) located at the present site of Denver's Botanic Gardens and Cheesman Park. Most of the moving was done in 1893. Of particular interest at Riverside Cemetery is the solid granite cabin, which is a monument to Lester Drake. Among the many well-known people buried there are John Evans, one of Colorado's Territorial Governors; Clara Brown, who had been a slave and was a pioneer of Central City; Oscar J. Goldrick, who opened Denver's first school; Augusta Tabor, H.A.W. Tabor's first wife; and Tadaatsu Matsudaira, Colorado's first Japanese resident in 1872.

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS

400 West Colfax, Denver, 80204

892-5000

Price: Free

Contact: Jill Jackson
892-5282

Denver and the Rocky Mountain News had their beginnings during the same year--1859. The founder of the newspaper was William Byers. When you take a tour of the News, you'll get to see an old linotype machine as well as a replica of the very first printing press in the area. You'll also get a copy of the first edition of the Rocky Mountain News.

Tours: Make reservations at least one or two weeks in advance. Tours are scheduled between 10:00 a.m. and noon and last from 45 minutes to an hour. Maximum group size is 35 and minimum age is fourth grade.

Sakura Square

1255 19th Street, Denver, 80202

623-1893

Price: Free

Contact: Mrs. Dorothy Fujino

Hours: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Thursdays only

Sakura Square occupies one block of the Skyline Urban Renewal Project. A tour can include an Oriental garden, the Tri-State Buddhist Temple, and several Oriental stores. The temple was built in 1916. You will hear about Japan and about Buddhism and see beautiful shrines. The apartment building in Sakura Square houses elderly people of many different races and ethnic groups. Sakura Square is an example of Denver's more recent history which includes many urban renewal projects.

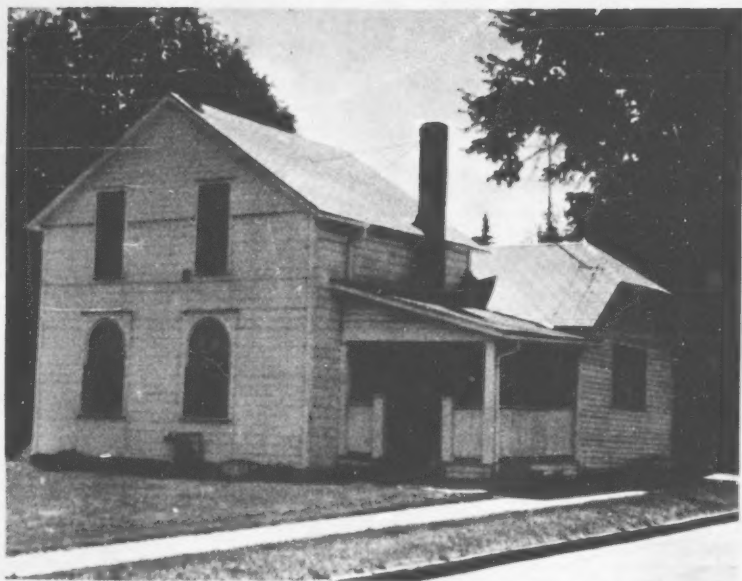
Tours: Tours can last from 15 or 20 minutes to over an hour depending upon what the visiting group or individual is interested in and how many questions are asked. Make arrangements as far in advance as possible.

THE THOMAS SKERRITT HOUSE

3560 South Bannock, Englewood, 80110

The oldest house in Englewood, this house was built in about 1866 in the place where a log cabin had stood since 1859. Gold had been discovered just the year before by Green Russell where Little Dry Creek flows into the Platte River, less than a mile away. Thomas Skerritt, called the "Father of Englewood," built the first legal road south of Denver when he hitched his team of horses to his plow and plowed a furrow all the way from Little Dry Creek to Cherry Creek and then, with the wheels locked, drove his wagon back and forth until he had a road. This was the beginning of South Broadway.

Tours: Here's another place to make your own tour. Notice that the house sits with its back on the Bannock Street side. Which came first, the house or the street? Can you see evidence of additions through the years? Which part do you suppose is the oldest? Can you imagine how the neighborhood looked when it was farmland and orchards?



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State Capitol Building

200 East Colfax Avenue,
Denver, 80203

892-2604

Price: Free

Contact: Phyllis Woodard,
Guide

Hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

See your state government in action while you view a lot of Colorado history. Visit the governor's office (if he happens to be out!) and sit in the Supreme Court room while the guide tells you the functions and history of everything around you, with a few fascinating tales thrown in for good measure. During legislative sessions (January to May) arrangements can be made for you to speak with your own legislators. There is a variety of tours available. For example, you could arrange for a tour with emphasis on history, government, or architecture. Tours can be tailor-made to suit the needs of your group. It is also possible to get a combined tour of the Colorado State Historical Museum and the capitol. A kit entitled "Statehouse to Schoolhouse" is now available to make your tour with youngsters more meaningful. Contact Phyllis Woodard for information on the availability of this kit.

Tours: Tours are available year-round. Make arrangements at least three weeks in advance. Length of tours varies: preschool and kindergarten, 20-25 minutes; grades 1-3, 40-45 minutes; grades 4-12, 1½ hours or more. Tours are set up to suit the group.

Tivoli Brewery

1342 Tenth Street, Denver, 80204

Built in 1880, the Tivoli Brewing Co. continued to brew beer until the 1960s. There are several buildings at the site, the earliest of which was built in 1859. Turnhalle Opera House is within the brewery. At one time it was Denver's only legitimate theater. As of December 1976, plans were made to renovate Tivoli Brewery and make it an entertainment and shopping complex. Completion is expected in 1980. The complex is expected to serve students of Auraria as well as other Denverites. Be sure to take a look at Tivoli when you visit the Auraria Ninth Street Project.

Union Station

17th and Wynkoop, Denver, 80202

534-2812

Price: Free

There have been three Union Stations at this location. The first one was built in 1871 and was a two-story brick building. The second, which was built in 1880, burned down in 1894 and was replaced by the building which stands there today. When standing inside the huge structure, one can almost feel the presence of the many thousands of people who have begun and ended journeys at Denver's Union Station. Imagine how the station must have looked and felt during the early forties, crowded with people, many in uniform. From 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. on the last Friday of every month, one of the world's largest model railroads is on display in the basement. It belongs to members of a model railroad club.

Tours: No tours are available, but Union Station is a fun place to sit on the high-backed benches and imagine what railroad travel was like in the "olden days."

Veteran Car Museum

2030 South Cherokee, Denver, 80223

832-0924

Price: Free

Hours: 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
(Saturday, by appointment only)

If you're interested in old cars, this is a museum to see. It is not so much a museum now as it is a salesroom for valuable antique automobiles. There are some interesting displays of things related to cars, especially postcards and pictures. However, groups of school children are discouraged and only groups of 10 or less can be accommodated.

Tours: Not encouraged. No guided tours. Small groups of well-behaved secondary students would probably be welcome.

Wheat Ridge Soddy

4610 Robb Street, Wheat Ridge, 80033

420-2324

Price: Free

Contact: Neil Lewis

Hours: Open to the public: Noon-3:00 p.m. Sunday.
Tours can be made by arrangement for almost any day and time.

It is not known who built the sod house in approximately 1886. The soddy, with 18-inch-thick walls that are eight feet high, is furnished the way homes were furnished at the time the area was settled. Most sod houses were not expected to last very long, but this one has withstood the weather for over 90 years. Right next door, and part of the tour, is a brick house, built near the turn of the century, which is furnished as houses were in about 1911.

Tours: This historic park is managed by the Wheat Ridge Park and Recreation Department, 4350 Garrison Street. Wheat Ridge Rangers serve as tour guides for tours which last about one hour. There is no age limit and tours are adjusted to fit the needs of the group. A group of 30 or less is ideal. Make arrangements a week or two in advance.

EVALUATION SHEET

1. Which information do you feel was most useful to you in using this book?
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